WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1.   A method, comprising:

receiving an indication that annotation of media information is desired;

storing annotation information; and

modifying an index of the media information to reflect a presence of the annotation

information.

2.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

querying a user for a source of the annotation information before the storing.

3.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

outputting the media information to a display.

4.   The method of claim 1, wherein the annotation information includes control

data, text, audio information, graphical information, or video information.

5.   The method of claim 1, wherein the modifying includes:

inserting an annotation marker in the index at a point in the media information at

which the indication was received.

6.   The method of claim 5, wherein the annotation marker identifies a location of the stored annotation information.

7.   An apparatus, comprising:

an interface to receive annotation information;

a memory to store the annotation information, media information, and index information relating to the annotation information and the media information;

a processor to retrieve the media information from the memory and to selectively retrieve the annotation information from the memory based on the index information; and

a display module to combine the media information and the annotation information for output to a display device.

8.   The apparatus of claim 7, further comprising:

a tuner connected to the processor to separate the media information from an input media stream.

9.   The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the interface is arranged to receive control data, text, graphical information, audio information, or video information as the annotation information.

10.   The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the interface is connected to the processor and the display module and is further arranged to receive control information for the display module.

11.　　　The apparatus of claim 7, further comprising:

a communication link to access annotation content referenced by the annotation

information.

12.　　　An article of manufacture, comprising:

a storage medium having instructions stored thereon that, when executed by a

computing platform, may result in display of annotated media information by:

　　　　outputting stored media information based on an index file associated with

the media information;

　　　　detecting an annotation marker in the index file;

　　　　retrieving annotation information associated with the annotation marker;

and

　　　　combining the media information and the annotation information to display

annotated media information.

13.　　　The article of manufacture of claim 12, wherein the instructions, when

executed, result in the display of annotated media information by:

　　　　querying whether to display the annotation information associated with the

annotation marker; and

　　　　retrieving the annotation information associated with the annotation marker

if an affirmative response to the querying is received.

14.   The article of manufacture of claim 12, wherein the instructions, when executed, result in the combining the media information and the annotation information by:

overlaying the annotation information on the media information.

15.   The article of manufacture of claim 12, wherein the instructions, when executed, result in the combining the media information and the annotation information by:

blending the annotation information and the media information.

16.   A method, comprising:

outputting stored media information based on an associated index file;

receiving an annotation request at a point in the index file;

receiving and storing annotation information associated with the annotation request; and

modifying the index file at the point at which the annotation request was received to reference the stored annotation information.

17.   The method of claim 16, further comprising:

asking for a type of the annotation information before the receiving and storing.

18.   The method of claim 16, further comprising:

detecting a reference to the stored annotation information in the index file;

retrieving annotation information associated with the reference; and

selectively combining the media information and the annotation information.

19.   The method of claim 18, further comprising:

repeating the outputting stored media information based on an associated index file

before the detecting a reference to the stored annotation information.

20.   The method of claim 18, wherein the selectively combining includes:

determining whether the annotation information should be displayed, and

combining the media information and the annotation information if the determining

determines that the annotation information should be displayed.